

HO-1034

Richard & Gladys Coon House

10671 Harding Road

Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

William H. Coon was described in 1920 as a farmer operating a general farm, though if he only owned 10 acres, he was more likely a truck farmer like his father had been. In 1937 Coon hired surveyor J. R. Curtis to subdivide his property. It seems likely that this house was constructed around the time of the subdivision. The house is listed in the assessments and taxation records as having been built in 1934; if true, it would suggest that the house was built for a family member, and subdivision was only necessary at a later date. Indeed, after William Coon's death his widow, Mary (b. 1894), sold this house to her son, Richard L. Coon (1908-1976) in 1953. Richard Coon died in 1976, but his widow, Gladys (b. 1910), retained the house until 2004. Since Richard was 26 in 1934 and his son, John, was born in 1930, the house was probably built for him. Bungalows remained one of the most popular house types in the United States in the 1930s, so it is not surprising that the Coons chose it for Richard's young family. The house was scheduled to be demolished at the end of 2010.

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Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1034

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Richard & Gladys Coon House
other

2. Location

street and number 10671 Harding Road not for publication
city, town Laurel X vicinity
county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John & Joanna Thompson
street and number 1021 Turney Ave. telephone 301-503-4623
city, town Laurel state MD zip code 20707

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 11389 folio 345
city, town Ellicott City tax map 46 tax parcel 217 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Total
			0

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION:

The Richard & Gladys Coon House is located at 10671 Harding Road, at the southwestern corner of the intersection with Stansfield Road, about two miles northwest of Laurel in southeastern Howard County, Maryland. The house sits at the fork in the road, facing north toward the fork. It is a 1 ½-story, three-bay by three-bay frame bungalow with a CMU foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. The ridge is centered over the two northern bays, with a change of pitch over the south bay. There is an interior brick chimney near the center of the building.

The north elevation has a center door with one light over one panel, and there is a six-over-one sash in each end bay. There is a boxed cornice that follows the pitch of the rafters, and a shed-roofed dormer with three six-over-one sash. The west elevation has three six-over-one sash on the first story and one six-over-one sash in the gable end. The south elevation has a center door with one light over three lying panels, and a six-over-one sash in the west bay. The east bay has new paired sash. The east elevation has paired six-over-one sash in the south and center bays and single six-over-one sash in the north bay and gable end.

The interior plan has three rooms in a straight line from front to back along the east side of the house. The floors are carpeted and the ceilings covered with drop ceiling tiles. The architrave has a fillet backband. The front room has a wide opening on the south wall. The east-center room has a new stairway to the basement in the northeast corner and two doorways on the south. The east bay doorway leads to the southeast room, which is a modern kitchen, and the west bay doorway leads to a rear vestibule. There are chambers in the northwest corner and west-center portions of the house, with a stairway to the attic in the latter room. At the southwest corner is a bathroom. The attic contains an interconnected chamber to the north and east, and a second, small chamber to the west. Both of these chambers have 2 ½-inch pine flooring.

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Just west of the house is an open-sided shed carport structure.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1934

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE:

Shortly before his death, truck farmer Thomas Coon (1842-1911) had made an agreement with William H. Coon (1887-1950) to sell him 10 acres. William Coon was apparently known as Harry, and was a son of Thomas. Thomas Coon's son, also named Thomas, deeded the agreed-upon parcel to William in 1911. William was described in 1920 as a farmer operating a general farm, though if he only owned 10 acres, he was more likely a truck farmer like his father had been. His location, midway between Baltimore and Washington, D. C., between the Columbia turnpike and the Washington Boulevard, and near the B. & O. Railroad's Washington Branch line, would have enabled him to take advantage of two markets for his produce. In 1937 Coon hired surveyor J. R. Curtis to subdivide his property. Though many of Curtis's papers survive at the Howard County Historical Society, this plat was not among them. Nonetheless, it seems likely that this house was constructed around the time of the subdivision. The house is listed in the assessments and taxation records as having been built in 1934; if true, it would suggest that the house was built for a family member, and subdivision was only necessary at a later date. Indeed, after William Coon's death his widow, Mary (b. 1894), sold this house to her son, Richard L. Coon (1908-1976) in 1953. Richard Coon died in 1976, but his widow, Gladys (b. 1910), retained the house until 2004. Since Richard was 26 in 1934 and his son, John, was born in 1930, the house was probably built for him. Bungalows remained one of the most popular house types in the United States in the 1930s, so it is not surprising that the Coons chose it for Richard's young family. Unfortunately, the census for 1930 is not legible where Richard's occupation is recorded. The house was scheduled to be demolished in early 2011.¹

¹ U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 6, Howard County, Maryland, 1900, 1920, 1930. Howard County Genealogical Society, comp., *Howard County Maryland Records*, vol. 4 (Columbia, MD: Author, 1985), pp. 48, 58-59.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .802 A
Acreage of historical setting 802 A
Quadrangle name Laurel

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 46, parcel 217, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Maryland Department of Planning
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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10671 HARDING ROAD

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Joanna L. Thompson (formerly Joanna Hopkins) / ?	John M. Thompson Joanna L. Thompson / ?	10 Oct. 2008	MDR 11389-345	Deed – fee simple	\$0	.802 A	
Gladys V. Coon / ?	Joanna L. Hopkins / ?	30 Nov. 2004	MDR 9071-27	Deed – fee simple	\$225,000	.802 A	RLC d 5 Oct. 1976
Mary M. Coon, widow / Howard	Richard Lee & Gladys V. Coon (H/W) / ?	28 Feb. 1953	246-1	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	.802 A	
William H. Coon	Mary M. Coon	Nov. 1935	<u>Wills</u> RLP 10-195	Bequest			
Thomas Coon, Administrator of Thomas Coon / Howard	William H. Coon / Howard	25 July 1911	WWLC 91-448	Deed – ?	?	10-0-8 ARP	Written agreement before death – died before deed made N. side of Bonas Mill Rd

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Richard & Gladys Coon House, site
10671 Harding Road, Laurel
Bing Maps Bird's Eye View, c. 2009
Looking south

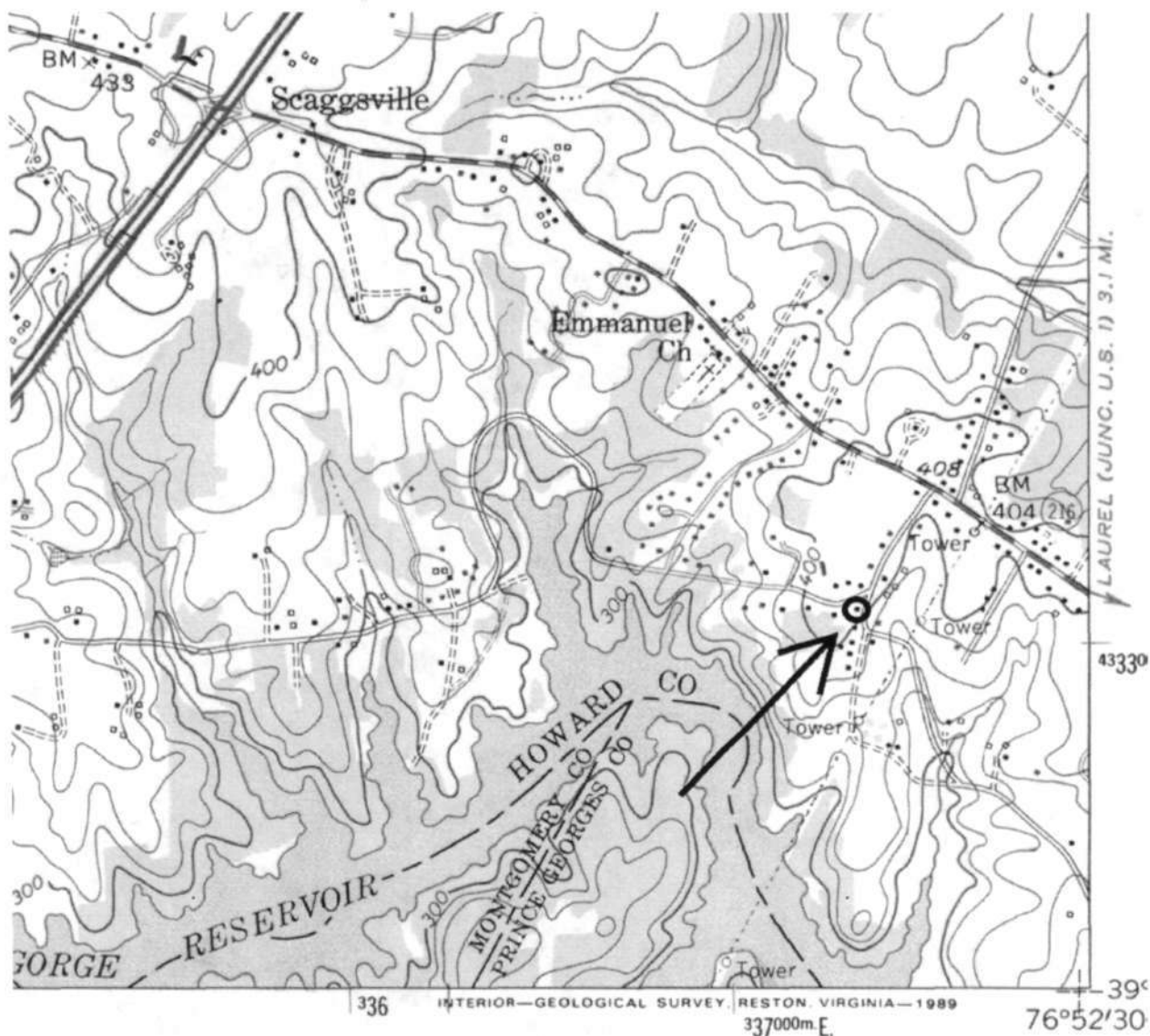


Looking west



Looking north





ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
U. S. Route		State Route	



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 Richard & Gladys Coon House
 10671 Harding Road
 Clarksville quad

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Richard & Gladys Coon House
10671 Harding Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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North & west elevations

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East elevation



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10671 Harding Road

Howard County, Maryland

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2011-01-21

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East elevation

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